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SUBJECT: MTN MINISTERIAL IN MARCH

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1. IN LIGHT OF SOAMES POSITION (REFTEL) WE SHOULD NOT RULE OUT TNC MEETING THIS FALL PROVIDED (A) LIMITED AGENDA CAN BE PRE-COOKED, (B) MAJOR DELEGATIONS UNDERSTAND NO MAJOR DECISIONS CAN BE TAKE, AND (C) PARTICIPATION BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM CAPITALS IS DISCOURAGED. A LOW-KEY TNC MEETING OF THIS KIND COULD LAUNCH GATT REFORM GROUP (ASSUMING TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE AGREED) AND DEFUSE COMPLAINTS OF SOME DELEGATIONS (PRINCIPALLY LDOS) WHO WANT TO HAVE A MEETIN. GENEVA DELEGATIONS ARE GENERALLY OF THE VIEW THAT TNC COULD BE HELD WITH RESIDENT GENEVA REPRESENTATION AND WITHOUT NEED FOR REPRESENTATION FROM CAPITALS. I AGREE AND BELIEVE, MOREOVER, THAT A DELEGATION-LEVEL TNC WOULD BE A GOOD PRECEDENT, SAVING HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATION FOR MORE IMPORTANT TNCs.

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2. CERTAINLY WE SHOULD NOT PROPOSE THIS SINCE, ON BALANCE, A FALL TNC IS UNDESIRABLE. BUT, IF PRESSURE BEGINS TO BUILD

FOR A FALL TNC MEETING, THE FOREGOING OPTION SEEMS
BETTER THAN OPPOSITION IN WHICH, ACCORDING TO EC
POSITION AS DESCRIBED REFTTEL, WE WOULD BE ISOLATED.

3. I WOULD ALSO LIKE INSTRUCTIONS TO INFORM PATTERSON
(LONG HAS BEEN OUT ILL FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS) ON THE
CURRENT STATUS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY ON THE
MINISTERIAL TNC. THAT WAY HE CAN BE HELPFUL IN TRYING
TO HEAD OFF DELEGATION ACTIONS THAT MIGHT IMPEDE THE
SCENARIO.WALKER

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